

Proposed by:	Civic Affairs Committee
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**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 17-16R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO MAINTAINING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR ALL AND ESTABLISHING A WELCOME GARDEN.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway believes that every person is unique and valued and has the right to freedom and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway is committed to maintaining a peaceful and inclusive community open to all, including but not limited to: persons of all nations, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, socioeconomic classes, political leanings, abilities, physical limitations, gender identities, and sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway hosts over a million visitors, international and national, every year and welcomes many seasonal residents; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway believes that taking steps to foster inclusiveness on a local level will benefit all citizens, our children, our sense of community and our country as we strive toward a common goal of diversity, equality, justice and respect for all; and

WHEREAS, public gardens and parks are considered places of community and personal enrichment; and

WHEREAS, a Welcome Garden symbolizes that all are welcome and is a tangible demonstration of Skagway's values;

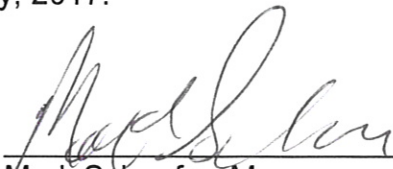
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway will work with the Skagway Organic Gardening Society to establish a Welcome Garden within Pullen Creek Shoreline Park, with a clear and central welcoming theme, to show Skagway's commitment to being a peaceful, inclusive, and welcoming town for all visitors, as well as temporary and permanent residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all local, state, and federal laws shall be followed in the Welcome Garden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway remains committed to welcoming all people to the community, including but not limited to: persons of all nations, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, socioeconomic classes, political leanings, abilities, physical limitations, gender identities, and sexual orientation; and to fostering diversity, equality, justice, and respect for all.

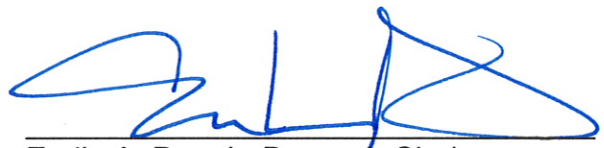
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PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 18th day of May, 2017.



Mark Schaefer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

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